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SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR FEB-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO GOVERN-
ING BODY (GB)

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1. SUMMARY: WE CAN EXPECT SUPPORT FROM GOC AND CLC
PRESIDENT MORRIS FOR USG POSITIONS ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE
AND ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS, U.S. POSITIONS ON ARAB-ISRAELI
ISSUE AND ON ARTICLE 17 DISCUSSED BY LABATT WITH
CANADIAN GB REPRESENTATIVE MAINWARING, EXTAFF UN
INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ROBERTSON,
AND ILO WORKERS GROUP CHAIRMAN MORRIS. MAINWARING
EMPHASIZED THAT GOC WILL FIRMLY SUPPORT OUR POSITION
ON THESE TWO ISSUES. ON ARTICLE 17 HE ADMITTED THAT
GOC HAD NOT YET STUDIED U.S. AMENDED DRAFT IN DETAIL
AND THAT MINOR TECHNICAL CHANGES MAY BE REQUIRED.
NEVERTHELESS, GOC FULLY SHARES OUR OBJECTIVES THROUGH
AMENDMENT OF RELEVANT STANDING ORDERS. MAINWARING
NOTED, HOWEVER, (AS DID REFTEL) THAT IF ARTICLE 17 CHANGES
ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY FEBRUARY GB THEY
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CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO JUNE 1977 CONFERENCE
WHICH HAS FINAL ACTION ON SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS. ON
ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE GOC POSITION REMAINS IN FAVOR OF
TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION ON 1974 RESOLUTION AND WILL
SUPPORT USG EFFORTS TO HAVE ILO FOLLOW ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS. ROBERTSON
CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF GOC POSITION GIVEN TO US EARLIER

BY MAINWARING AND POINTED OUT THAT EXTAFF AND LABOR
MINISTRY HAVE FULLY COORDINATED VIEWS AND POLICIES
ON ILO ISSUES.

3. MORRIS TOLD LABATT THAT WORKERS GROUP FULLY SUPPORTS
DG'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE BOOK ON RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING ISRAEL. HE ANTICIPATES 10 OUT OF 14 OF
WORKERS GROUP MEMBERS TO VOTE IN FAVOR IN OPEN VOTE
AND POSSIBLY 12 OUT OF 14 IF SECRET BALLOT USED. ON
ARTICLE 17 MORRIS PERSONALLY FAVORS AMENDMENT TO
STANDING ORDERS TO ELIMINATE CONDEMNATION RESOLUTIONS
BUT HE COULD NOT COMMIT WORKERS GROUP PRIOR TO FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS. HE WILL, HOWEVER, SUPPORT OUR POSITION
WITHIN WORKER GROUPS IN HOPES OF OBTAINING FAVORABLE
MAJORITY.
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